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Sir :

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A copy of a Supplementary European Search Report from the European Patent Office mailed on May 10, 2004 with regard to related European Patent Application No. EP 00971735.6 is enclosed, in which the European Examiner cited the following documents:

French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 762 705, which was published on October 30, 1998. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,994,929 to SANO et al., which issued on November 30, 1999 is a family member patent. Copies of these documents are not being provided herewith, as they have previously been submitted in the above-captioned application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-85099, which was published on March 30, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,011,355 to NAGAI, which issued on January 4, 2000, which is a patent family member of the above-noted Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-85099.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the Supplementary European Search Report.

A copy of a Communication from the European Patent Office mailed on May 21, 2004 with regard to related European Patent Application No. EP 00971735.6 is enclosed, in which the European Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-183211, which was published on August 9, 1991, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in the above-captioned application, and thus a copy is not being provided herewith;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-268831, which was published on October 9, 1998, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in the above-captioned application, and thus a copy is not being provided herewith; and

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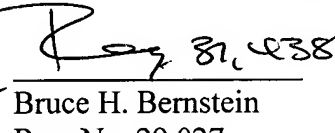

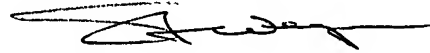
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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